

COMRADE CHOI YONG KUN'S REPORT ON HIS
FRIENDSHIP VISIT TO CHINA

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The following is the full text of the report of Comrade Choi Yong Kun on the results of his friendship visit to the Chinese People's Republic, which was delivered at a joint meeting of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Cabinet of the Republic and the Central Committee of the United Democratic Fatherland Front on July 24:

Comrades!

We paid a visit to the Chinese People's Republic, our closest neighbour, from June 5 to 23 at the invitation of Comrade Liu Shao-chi, Chairman of the People's Republic of China. We visited Peking, Tientsin, Harbin, Changchun and Shenyang, and saw around many factories, enterprises and people's communes, cultural institutions and scenic spots as well as historical sites in and around the cities, and had an opportunity to observe the enormous achievements made by the fraternal Chinese people in their socialist construction.

During the visit to China we met Comrade Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, and had a friendly talk with him; we held talks in a sincere atmosphere with Comrade Liu Shao-chi, Comrade Chou En-lai, Comrade Teng Hsiao-ping and other leaders of the Party and Government of China and exchanged views on important questions of mutual concern. Both sides reached complete identity of views on all questions discussed, and on this basis issued a joint statement.

We met the Chinese working class and broad working masses and conveyed the warm friendly feelings of our people to the Chinese people, and everywhere we had touching encounters with old comrades-in-arms with whom we had fought together at

the time of the anti-Japanese armed struggle and with fighters of the former Volunteers who had made exploits in the land of Korea.

During our stay in China Chairman Liu Shao-chi, Vice-Chairman Tung Pi-wu, Chairman Chu Teh, Premier Chou En-lai, General Secretary Teng Hsiao-ping, Vice-Premier Ho Lung, Vice-Premier Chen Yi and other leaders of the Chinese Party and Government kindly accompanied us, and everywhere we went we were accorded the warmest hospitality and most fervent welcome by the Chinese people.

For all this, I wish to express once again hearty thanks to the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, the Government of the People's Republic of China and the entire Chinese people.

In the name of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Central Committee of the Korean Workers' Party and the Korean people I invited Chairman Liu Shao-chi to visit our country, and Chairman Liu Shao-chi accepted the invitation with pleasure. We are sure that when Chairman Liu Shao-chi comes to our country, he will receive the heartiest welcome from the entire Korean people as our most honoured guest, and that his visit will go a long way toward strengthening further the friendship and solidarity between the peoples of Korea and China.

I

Our recent visit to China clearly demonstrated the indestructible friendship and solidarity between the peoples of Korea and China and contributed toward strengthening and developing further the Korean-Chinese friendship.

Peking and all other cities we visited were colourfully bedecked as on a big holiday and the long roads leading from the stations to the guest houses were a veritable sea of welcomers astir with elation and enthusiasm. The whole streets rocked with the sound of firecrackers, drums, bugles and the thunderous cheers of crowds. Everywhere young men and women in bright costumes danced merrily, and the "East Is Red," "Song of General Kim Il Sung" and songs of friendship rang out far and wide.

In Changchun the citizens dashed forth from their houses even in the downpour and vied with each other in joining the ranks of the welcomers. The cheers of the excited crowds shook heaven and earth amid the shower of confetti in the driving rain and wind.

A rally of people of all circles welcoming us was held in Peking with the attendance of more than 100,000 people. In Harbin over 12,000 workers of the Electric Appliances Factory, Boiler Factory and Turbine Factory held a meeting expressing firm solidarity with our people.

All this is a manifestation of the warm love of the fraternal Chinese people for the Korean people and an expression of the firm determination of the true comrades-in-arms always to share fate with us under any circumstances.

This immensely moved and greatly inspired us. We will cherish forever the warm feelings of friendship and trust shown to the Korean Workers' Party, Comrade Kim Il Sung and the Korean people by the Chinese people through us.

The communists and peoples of our two countries rose up shoulder to shoulder in the struggle for liberation, sharing sorrows and sufferings, far back in those difficult days when they were being subjected to oppression and humiliation, and helped each other

with blood in the flames of the fierce struggle against enemies.

In the grimmest days when our fatherland was under the occupation of Japanese imperialism, the Korean communists headed by Comrade Kim Il Sung organised together with the Chinese comrades the anti-Japanese allied army in Northeast China and waged an arduous armed struggle against the Japanese imperialist aggressors. The Chinese people always directed kindred love toward our partisans and extended active support and encouragement to them. The communists of our country victoriously waged the anti-Japanese armed struggle for 15 years, sharing weal and woe with the Chinese comrades.

After the defeat of Japanese imperialism, the militant fraternity of the Korean and Chinese peoples developed on to a new, higher stage and it demonstrated its invincible vitality, particularly in the joint struggle against U.S. imperialism.

During the most arduous period for our people in the Fatherland Liberation War against the armed invasion of U.S. imperialism, the Chinese people raised high the sacred banner of Resisting America and Aiding Korea with the determination to throw in their lot with our people despite the complex, difficult situation prevailing right after the revolution and came out resolutely in the joint struggle against the aggressors, dispatching the Volunteers.

The officers and men of the Chinese People's Volunteers displayed peerless courage and heroism and set a living example of lofty moral virtue as the true internationalist fighter. In the flames of the unprecedentedly severe war the Korean and Chinese peoples firmly united and routed the U.S. imperialist armed invaders, thus shattering the myth about the "mightiness of U.S. imperialism" and making a great contribution to the defence of world peace and the security of the socialist camp.

The brotherly Chinese people rose up as one under the banner of Resisting America and Aiding Korea, sent an enormous amount of relief goods to our people and People's Army, took care of the wounded soldiers of our People's Army with all sincerity and brought up tens of thousands of our war orphans like their own sons and daughters. The great achievements made in the cam-

paing for Resisting America and Aiding Korea waged by the Chinese people under the guidance of the Chinese Communist Party will be recorded forever in the history of the liberation struggle of the world people as a most brilliant example of proletarian internationalism.

Indeed, the militant fraternity and solidarity between the Korean and Chinese peoples have been sealed with blood and tempered and consolidated in the flames of fierce struggles.

We shed blood together both in the struggle against the Japanese imperialist marauders and in the battle against U.S. imperialism.

We fought together both on Chinese soil and on Korean soil. Footprints of blood of the Korean revolutionary fighters are still to be seen everywhere in the vast expanse of the Chinese land; every nook and corner of Korea bears the marks of the immortal exploits made by the fine sons and daughters of the Chinese people in the sacred struggle against the common enemy of the peoples of our two countries.

Raising high the banner of revolution, the banner of Marxism-Leninism, today the peoples of Korea and China are both firmly standing on the front of the common struggle against imperialism and revisionism, and are closely cooperating with each other as comrades and supporting and encouraging each other in socialist construction.

We fought together, are fighting together and will fight together with the Chinese people.

Our people will continue to fight together with the fraternal Chinese people against U.S. imperialism, and against Japanese militarism being revived and rearmed under the aegis of U.S. imperialism.

Firmly uniting with the Chinese Communist Party and the Chinese people, our Party and our people will determinedly fight for defending Marxism-Leninism and opposing revisionism and for peace, national independence and the victory of socialism.

The peoples of our two countries will continue to closely cooperate, and support and encourage each other in socialist construction.

During our visit the Chinese Party and Government leaders and working people

affirmed time and again that the Chinese people were full of firm determination to continue actively to aid as ever the Korean people in their just struggle and to fight on together with them, and laid particular emphasis on developing all the more the relations between our country and Northeast China which is geographically close to us and has deep ties with us historically. We will make efforts to develop the relations of cooperation in an allround way with the Chinese people, notably relations with Northeast China.

The enemies of revolution are resorting to every machination in an attempt to impair the Korean-Chinese friendship. However, this is of no avail. The peoples of Korea and China are old comrades-in-arms who have shared weal and woe in the protracted common struggle, genuine revolutionary comrades solidly linked together by common ideas and common goal, and are reliable allies supporting and closely cooperating with each other on the principles of complete equality and mutual assistance. The Korean-Chinese friendship is a com-munistic, comradely friendship firmly based on the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism and an indestructible friendship demonstrating ever greater vitality whenever it encounters a severe historical test. No force can break such friendship.

Our people will spare no effort for further strengthening and developing the traditional friendship with the Chinese people, will always advance in firm unity with the fraternal Chinese people in whatever storm and stress and remain their true comrades-in-arms for ever.

II

During the recent visit we saw the great successes made by the Chinese people in socialist revolution and socialist construction under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party and Comrade Mao Tse-tung and aspects of the thriving and developing socialist, new China.

The repeated serious natural calamities in recent years caused temporary difficulties in socialist construction in China. The impe-

rialists and all the reactionary forces of the world, taking advantage of this, resorted to every despicable machination to hamper socialist construction in China and intensified their heinous schemes and intrigues against the Chinese People's Republic. All this, however, could not break the fighting will of the Chinese people nor check the advance of the Chinese people. The Chinese working people under the banner of self-reliance have worked hard and energetically, and economized, courageously overcoming all difficulties with their own strength.

Now the economic situation of China has taken a general turn for the better and her national economy is fast developing on a firmer basis.

The line of "readjustment, consolidation, filling out and raising standards" set forth by the Chinese Communist Party is bearing fine fruits in all fields of the national economy. The Chinese working class is making enormous achievements in the mass struggle to expand the variety of goods on an extensive scale and enhance their quality decisively by actively exploring inner reserves and displaying bold creativeness; it has turned the factories, which used to produce spare parts or semi-finished goods a few years ago, into fine factories turning out finished goods; it has succeeded in replacing most of imported raw materials with home materials and putting out with its own technique many kinds of machines which could not be manufactured until recently.

Today China has come to meet in the main the needed machines, equipment and materials with home products and is successfully carrying out with her own technique the construction of large-scale modern factories and enterprises and the reconstruction and expansion of the existing factories in conformity with the demand of the national economy.

The workers and technicians of China are solving with full confidence difficult, complex technical problems and are successfully scaling the height of science and technology on their own to further strengthen and increase the might of Chinese industry.

Thus, the Chinese working class has decisively consolidated the economic and technical independence of its industry and

laid a solid foundation for bringing about a new upsurge in all domains of the national economy.

The modern industry of China built by the Chinese working class is huge in scale and high in technical level. It has broad vistas for development.

We had the opportunity to inspect a host of big-scale modern factories equipped with up-to-date technique and see for ourselves the mass production of diverse, high-quality goods, including complex, large-size machines and equipment. The Chinese industry gives powerful aid to agriculture and all other domains of the national economy in their modernisation and has opened up a broad road for the extensive development of the inexhaustible natural resources at home.

The achievements made by the Chinese people in rural economy drew our special attention and pleased us.

In recent years the Chinese Communist Party has concentrated particular efforts on the development of agriculture and organized the work of aiding agriculture on a large scale. Inspired by the correct agricultural policy of the Chinese Communist Party, the Chinese peasants under the active support of industry have successfully carried on the huge work of creating the material and technical foundation for socialist rural economy and laid a firm foundation for the growth of agricultural production. Labour enthusiasm of peasants is surging exceptionally high in the people's communes and the agricultural production is undergoing a new uplift. Last year the Chinese peasants considerably increased the agricultural production as compared with the previous year, and this year envisages far greater output of agricultural produce than last year. This year the Chinese peasants have already reaped a bumper harvest of early crops and late crops are doing well, too.

We are convinced that the Chinese peasants will continue to score new successes in the development of agriculture.

The Chinese people have registered great successes in the development of education and culture, too. The ranks of new cadres armed with advanced science and technique are growing on a big scale and the technical and cultural level of the working masses

is rising rapidly. In China national culture and arts are flowering and the spiritual wealth of the working masses is being enriched with each passing day.

The towns and villages of China are taking on a beautiful look and the material and cultural living standards of the people are being enhanced all the more. The Chinese workers are all cheerful and vigorous and are full of fresh energy and enthusiasm.

Today the Chinese people are rallied closely around the Chinese Communist Party and Comrade Mao Tse-tung and their revolutionary enthusiasm is very high.

All the people boundlessly love and trust their Party and leader, are highly proud of their Party loyal to Marxism-Leninism and are filled with the firm determination to go through thick and thin under the guidance of the Party with firm confidence in victory.

The Chinese working people are firmly armed with the uncompromising spirit of fighting against the class enemies and with the indomitable revolutionary spirit of working arduously and bravely overcoming any difficulty. And they are being thoroughly educated in ardent patriotism and proletarian internationalism.

Today the mass ideological campaign which is being waged extensively among the people of all walks of life under the motto "Let us learn from Comrade Lei Feng" is a concrete expression of the unanimous desire of the Chinese people to live and work always in a revolutionary way according to the will of the Chinese Communist Party. The Chinese people of today are a great revolutionary contingent solidly rallied in one red ideology.

The brilliant successes made by the Chinese people in socialist construction and the enormous changes that are being effected in the Chinese society clearly demonstrate the correctness of the policy of the Chinese Communist Party.

The Chinese Communist Party is a Marxist-Leninist Party steeled and seasoned in the protracted, arduous revolutionary struggle. It is confidently leading the Chinese people to great victory by skilfully integrating the universal truth of Marxism-Leninism with the concrete conditions of China and correctly mobilising the revolutionary zeal of hundreds of millions of the

popular masses. The tremendous victory the Chinese people have won in recent years in the complicated struggle against the enemies at home and abroad, going through temporary difficulties, once again proved that the Chinese Communist Party is an invincible Marxist-Leninist Party enjoying the unqualified support and trust of the entire Chinese people at all times in any storm or stress.

Today the Chinese Communist Party is not only vigorously organising and mobilising the entire Chinese people to socialist construction but also waging a staunch fight to oppose modern revisionism and safeguard Marxism-Leninism.

No force on earth can block the road ahead of the Chinese people closely rallied around the Chinese Communist Party. The Chinese people have inexhaustible natural resources and have the adequate intelligence, talent and strength to exploit them. They have already laid a rock-firm foundation in the political, economic, cultural and all other domains and firmly embarked upon the road of infinite prosperity and development. A new turn will come in the socialist construction of the Chinese people and the might of China will grow all the more. We firmly believe that the Chinese people under the guidance of the Chinese Communist Party will continue to forge ahead, holding high the three red banners of the general line, the big leap forward and the people's commune, and turn their country into a great socialist power with modern industry, modern agriculture, modern national defence and modern science and culture in the not distant future.

The victory of the Chinese revolution and the steady growth of the might of the Chinese People's Republic demonstrate the superiority of socialist system and the great vitality of Marxism-Leninism and greatly inspire the liberation struggles of the oppressed peoples and oppressed nations of the world.

The Chinese People's Republic has consistently and unswervingly adhered to the foreign policy of developing the relations of friendship, cooperation and mutual assistance with the countries of the socialist camp on the principles of proletarian internationalism, realising peaceful coexistence among countries with differing social sys-

tems while resolutely opposing the imperialist policies of aggression and war, and actively supporting the revolutionary struggle of all the oppressed peoples and oppressed nations.

The growth of the might of China and the firm revolutionary stand maintained by the Chinese People's Republic in the international affairs have given rise to desperate resistance on the part of the imperialists and the reactionary forces of all hues. The U.S. imperialists, occupying China's inalienable territory of Taiwan, are not only directly perpetrating hostile acts against the Chinese People's Republic but also aligning all reactionary forces of the world for a massive campaign to isolate China.

Particularly, of late they are instigating the reactionary circles of India to expand the Sino-Indian boundary dispute in an attempt to use it in pursuit of their aggressive end.

The modern revisionists are joining hands with the imperialists in the anti-China campaign, distorting the foreign policy of China and slandering and vilifying China.

But, no one can deny the fact that the Chinese Communist Party and the Chinese people are fighting for peace against imperialism, resolutely supporting the liberation struggles of the oppressed peoples and oppressed nations and striving for the development of the world revolutionary movement. No one can deny the fact that socialist China which has united the 650 million people is a powerful member of the socialist camp, a mighty peace force and a great revolutionary force of the present time. The international prestige of the Chinese People's Republic, a great socialist power, is unshakable.

Through the long-drawn common struggle with the Chinese people the Korean people are fully aware that the Chinese Communist Party and the Chinese people are loyal to proletarian internationalism and are immensely faithful to the cause of world peace and people's revolution.

Today it is the internationalist duty of all the communists and the progressive people fighting for world peace and the revolutionary cause of the people to resolutely reject the anti-China campaign and wage an implacable fight against any intrigue and machination to isolate China.

All the schemes to bar the growth of the might of China and her increasing international influence are bound to meet a miserable fiasco. Contrary to the wishes of the imperialists and their stooges, the Chinese people will continue to forge ahead, win victory after victory and make a greater contribution to world peace and to the development of the revolutionary movement of the people.

III

Our recent visit to China and the joint statement issued by both sides once again clearly showed that the Parties and Governments of Korea and China were in a complete agreement on the important questions arising from the current international situation and the international communist movement. Our two countries take the revolutionary stand of thoroughly opposing imperialism and revisionism and carrying through the revolution to the end and direct deep attention to adhering to and implementing the Marxist-Leninist revolutionary line in the struggle of the world people for peace, democracy, national independence and socialism, rejecting all opportunist and revisionist lines.

The important task which stands out most strikingly before the world people at present is to wage a vigorous struggle against the imperialists led by U.S. imperialism in order to defend world peace and give a greater impetus to the revolutionary cause of the people.

U.S. imperialism is the chief enemy of peace, democracy, national independence and socialism. Today the U.S. imperialists are engaged in vicious machinations to oppose the socialist camp, strangle the liberation struggle of the oppressed peoples and oppressed nations and, in particular, put down the flames of revolution in Asia, Africa and Latin America and establish their domination over the peoples of these areas.

Expanding armaments in a big way, the U.S. imperialists have been making preparations for total war and nuclear war and have taken the road of openly perpetrating "local war" and "special war".

Today there can be no struggle for peace, no struggle for the liberation of the peo-

ple without a fight against imperialism, U.S. imperialism in particular.

In order truly to safeguard peace, the might of the socialist camp must be steadily reinforced, the liberation struggles of the oppressed peoples and oppressed nations of the world be further developed and all the anti-imperialist forces must be united for a vigorous anti-imperialist struggle in all places where the imperialists set foot.

It is not in defence of peace but, on the contrary, encourages the imperialist policies of aggression and war and jeopardizes peace to spread illusion about imperialism among the masses, divert them from the anti-imperialist struggle and obstruct the liberation struggles of the oppressed nations and peoples on the pretext of easing international strain and defending world peace.

Peace should not be begged for but should be won through a staunch struggle of the popular masses against imperialism, the foe of peace.

Today Asia, Africa and Latin America have become scenes of fierce battles against imperialism. For centuries the imperialists have plundered the peoples of these areas in a robber-like way, drove them like cattle and ruthlessly slaughtered them.

The inhuman exploitation and oppression, racial humiliation and maltreatment of the peoples of colonies still prevail in vast areas.

The peoples of colonies and dependent countries can win liberation only through a staunch struggle against imperialism.

Today the peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America have risen up in the anti-imperialist, national liberation struggle to free themselves from the miserable lot of colonial slaves, and they are winning brilliant victories in this struggle.

No desperate efforts of the imperialists can block the road ahead of the Asian, African and Latin American peoples who have risen up in the just liberation struggle or can save the colonial system from its final breakdown.

The ever mounting liberation struggles of the oppressed nations are a powerful blow driving imperialism to ruin and a great revolutionary force of our time safeguarding world peace and expediting the world revolution.

To underestimate the liberation struggles of the Asian, African and Latin American peoples is to refuse to see the great might of the revolutionary people comprising the majority of the world population. To obstruct the national liberation struggles under this or that pretext is, in the final analysis, an attempt to keep in slavery hundreds of millions of people still under the imperialist yoke and weaken the world peace forces.

Everyone who truly opposes imperialism, defends peace and dares to effect a revolution must do his utmost to support actively the national liberation struggles of the Asian, African and Latin American peoples.

Our people will continue, as ever, to keep to the consistent stand of actively backing the national-liberation struggles of the Asian, African and Latin American peoples and wage the anti-imperialist, national-liberation struggle to the end in firm unity with the peoples of these countries.

The imperialists continue to swagger and run wild. But all the facts unequivocally show that the strong are not the imperialists but the popular masses. Today, in the international arena the revolutionary forces are prevailing more than ever over the anti-revolutionary forces and the overall situation is developing in favour of the revolutionary cause of the people. By decisively coming out in firm unity to the struggle against imperialism the revolutionary people of the world will overpower the imperialists and their lackeys everywhere and will certainly win great victory on all fronts of fight for peace, democracy, national independence and socialism.

What is most important for uniting the world revolutionary forces and ensuring the successful carrying out of the anti-imperialist struggle and the revolutionary struggle of the people is to defend the unity of the socialist camp and the solidarity of the international communist movement.

The chief enemy undermining the unity of our revolutionary ranks at the present time is modern revisionism. The modern revisionists represented by the Tito clique of Yugoslavia, betraying Marxism-Leninism, are persevering in their vicious schemings to paralyse the revolutionary consciousness of the masses and wreck the unity of the socialist camp and the international

communist movement and are hampering in every way the revolutionary struggle of the people. Modern revisionism is the main danger in the international communist movement and it is having extremely harmful effect on the struggle of the people for peace, national independence and socialism.

To oppose modern revisionism, defend the purity of Marxism-Leninism and to strive to safeguard the unity and solidarity of the socialist camp and the international communist movement are the most important tasks of vital significance for all Marxist-Leninist parties and the peoples of the socialist countries.

The unity and solidarity of the socialist camp and the international communist movement must be realised on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism and the revolutionary principles of the Moscow Declaration and Statement, in the staunch revolutionary spirit of thoroughly opposing imperialism and revisionism and carrying through the revolution to the last.

In order to strengthen the unity of the socialist camp all countries must without exception strictly abide by the standards governing relations among the socialist countries, laid down in the Declaration and the Statement. The socialist countries base their relations on the principles of complete equality and sovereignty and on the principles of comradely mutual support and mutual assistance based on proletarian internationalism. No country should interfere in another's internal affairs or force its will on another. By such method no conscious, comradely, enduring unity can be attained.

The principles guiding relations among the socialist countries must be observed not only in the political relations but in economic relations as well. All the socialist countries should respect the self-reliance and independence of the national economy of brother countries and should develop the relations of economic cooperation in such a way as to mutually assist their further consolidation. By building an independent national economy we can speedily develop the economy and steadily improve the people's living through the mobilisation and utilisation of the internal resources of the country in a most rational way and develop more effectively the relations of economic coope-

ration with the brother countries on the principles of complete equality and mutual benefit. The construction of an independent national economy will strengthen each link of the world socialist economic system and bring closer the relations among the brother countries, thereby contributing to the increase of the might of the socialist camp. To oppose the construction of an independent national economy in other countries or to exert economic pressure upon other countries under this or that excuse not only runs diametrically counter to the principles of proletarian internationalism but is a harmful act of impeding the normal development of the world socialist economic system and weakening the unity of the socialist camp.

Differences arising among brother Parties must be settled with patience through consultations on an equal footing as laid down in the Moscow Statement. It must be severely condemned as a splitting act of disrupting the unity of our ranks to extend the ideological differences between brother Parties even to the state relations.

Under all difficult and complicated circumstances, our Party has always pursued the consistent line of adhering to the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism and safeguarding the unity and solidarity of the socialist camp and the international communist movement and has made all efforts to develop the relations of friendship and cooperation with the brother countries in accordance with the principles laid down in the Moscow Declaration and Statement. Our Party and our people will never tolerate any machinations of the revisionists to disrupt the unity of the socialist camp and the solidarity of the international communist movement and will fight to defend the unity of our ranks based on the revolutionary principles of Marxism-Leninism.

In spite of the frantic attempts of the imperialists and the cunning tricks of the revisionists, the anti-imperialist, revolutionary forces are growing all the more in the international arena and the revolutionary struggle of the people is on the steady upsurge. The ruin of imperialism and the victory of socialism are inevitable. Revisionism is doomed and Marxism-Leninism will continue to triumph.

IV

The fundamental task of the Korean communists is successfully to carry out the Korean revolution. In order to contribute to the common cause of socialism and world peace, the Korean people must first of all build solidly the revolutionary base of our country, a link in the international revolution.

Under the leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, our Party has always concentrated its main force on reinforcing the revolutionary forces at home and speeding up socialist construction.

Abiding by the principles of self-reliance we found basic ways and means of expediting socialist construction mainly in mobilising to the maximum the creative force of our people and all the resources at home and set it as the primary task to build a solid independent national economy.

Upholding the line and policy advanced by our Party, our people have displayed peerless patriotic devotion and creative enthusiasm in socialist construction and thus turned our country, once a backward colonial semi-feudal society, into a socialist industrial-agricultural state with the solid foundation of an independent national economy in a short space of time.

We have built a powerful heavy industry capable of basically producing at home machines and equipment and materials needed for the huge capital construction and the fulfilment of the overall technical revolution, a modern light industry with solid raw material bases, and a socialist rural economy to reap a stable harvest each year, overcoming natural disasters in the main. The entire working people are leading a happy, worthy life free from all cares; the entire people are united closely around the Party and the leader; and the whole society is becoming a big, harmonious and united family.

We have already laid a solid foundation in all the political, economic and cultural spheres for achieving the ultimate victory of the Korean revolution and ensuring the eternal prosperity of our fatherland and have converted the revolutionary base of the northern part of the country into an impregnable bastion. These great changes which have taken place in our country are

a brilliant victory of the Marxist-Leninist revolutionary line consistently upheld by our Party under the leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung. The shining victories won by our people in the revolutionary struggle and construction deal a blow to imperialism and its lackeys and contribute to the development of the Marxist-Leninist revolutionary cause.

Today the working people of our country, filled with high pride of being a people carrying out revolution and with firm confidence in victory, are making strenuous efforts to effect continuous innovation in the struggle for the fulfilment of the Seven-Year National Economic Plan put forth by the Fourth Congress of the Korean Workers' Party.

We will continue to hold to the principles of self-reliance and the line of building an independent economy, whose justness and invincible vitality have already been proved through practice, push forward actively the Chullima movement—the general line of our Party in socialist construction—and thoroughly implement the Chungsan-ri spirit and the Daian work system in all domains, and thus will win new victory in the struggle for conquering the high eminence of socialism.

We will firmly arm the entire working people with the Marxist-Leninist revolutionary spirit and the revolutionary traditions of our Party and with the class consciousness of hating the class enemy and ardently loving their Party, their people and their socialist fatherland, maintain a strained, mobilised posture, and shatter any manoeuvres of the enemy so as to reliably defend the eastern outpost of peace and socialism.

One half of our territory is under the occupation of the U.S. imperialists and we have not yet completed the national liberation revolution. To drive the U.S. imperialists out of South Korea and accomplish the reunification of the country is the supreme national revolutionary task of the 30 million Korean people.

Owing to the predatory colonial policy of the U.S. imperialists, today the political and economic confusion in South Korea has reached the limit and the people's living has become indescribably miserable.

Faced with a serious crisis of their colo-

nial rule in South Korea, the U.S. imperialists and the military fascist hordes are stepping up the suppression of the people on the one hand, and, on the other, they are resorting to all sorts of deceptive tricks to keep down the resistance of the people and are scheming to bring in even the Japanese imperialist aggressive forces.

However, the U.S. imperialists and their stooges can by no means cope with the South Korean situation.

The South Korean people clearly realise that they can extricate themselves from the wretched plight of today only by expelling the U.S. imperialist occupants and uniting the North and the South on the line of peaceful reunification put forward by the Korean Workers' Party. Today the voice rejecting the interference of and subordination to foreign forces and demanding independence, a self-supporting economy and reunification by the Koreans themselves is getting louder and the discontent and hatred against the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen are growing more than ever among the South Korean people.

Through their heroic struggle, the South Korean people overthrew the Syngman Rhee clique who had ruled South Korea for twelve years with the backing of the bayonet of U.S. imperialism. This showed that they can vanquish the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys without fail. The revolutionary forces of the South Korean people are growing and they will surely rise up in a decisive anti-U.S., national salvation struggle. The U.S. imperialists and their stooges, no matter how wild they may run, cannot save the disintegration of the colonial rule in South Korea.

The Korean people will wage to the end the sacred struggle for national liberation, certainly drive the U.S. imperialists out of our territory and accomplish the cause of the country's reunification.

600,000 Korean nationals in Japan also clearly know that the prosperity of the nation and the happiness of the people can be realised only through the prosperity and development of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea guided by the Korean Workers' Party. A great number of them have already returned to the bosom of the fatherland and are leading a happy life.

Today the Korean nationals in Japan are waging an extensive mass movement demanding the freedom of travel to their homeland.

Freedom of visit to their fatherland is a legitimate national right of the Korean nationals in Japan.

The Japanese government which bears the legal and moral responsibility to meet this just demand of the Korean nationals in Japan must take appropriate measures to gratify their desire at the earliest date.

The internal and external situation is developing in favour of the revolutionary cause of our people.

Our cause is just and a broad avenue is open before us.

Rallying closer around the Central Committee of the Korean Workers' Party headed by Comrade Kim Il Sung, our people will continue to march forward vigorously, holding aloft the banner of anti-imperialism, the revolutionary banner of Marxism-Leninism, to carry out the Korean revolution successfully and will remain faithful to the end to the internationalist duty assigned to them in the struggle for the common cause of peace and socialism.

Long live the everlasting friendship and unity sealed between the peoples of Korea and China!

Long live the indestructible unity of the socialist camp!

Long live ever-victorious Marxism-Leninism!

Long live world peace!